

Biodiversity – from regional policy to local delivery

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Biodiversity – regional to local

- Regional Spatial Strategy
- Local Development Frameworks
- Tees Valley Green Infrastructure Strategy

North East Regional Spatial Strategy

- Policy 33

Strategies, plans and programmes, and planning proposals should ensure that the Region's ecological and geological resources are protected and enhanced to return key biodiversity resources to viable levels by:

- continuing to promote the protection and enhancement of internationally and nationally important sites and species;
- reversing habitat fragmentation and species isolation in Biodiversity target zones;
- developing habitat creation/restoration projects particularly in the priority Habitat Creation and Enhancement Areas;
- providing for the expansion and linking of existing habitats and species populations, including the creation of semi-natural green spaces in and around urban areas and for habitat restoration;

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- contributing to improving the Region's SSSIs to a favourable condition, by 2010;
- preparing biodiversity and geological audits;
- preparing and implementing Local Biodiversity Action Plans and Local Geodiversity Action Plans;
- supporting proposals for biodiversity and geodiversity within Sustainable Community Strategies, and
- including proposals for action to stop the spread of, and eliminate, invasive species.

Regional Spatial Strategy

Biodiversity Target Zones – priority areas for the management and enhancement of existing biodiversity resources and for targeting the reversal of habitat fragmentation

Habitat creation & enhancement areas – areas with the greatest need or potential for the creation/retention and enhancement of biodiversity



Local Development Framework:

- district wide plan
- Core Strategy
- Environment document

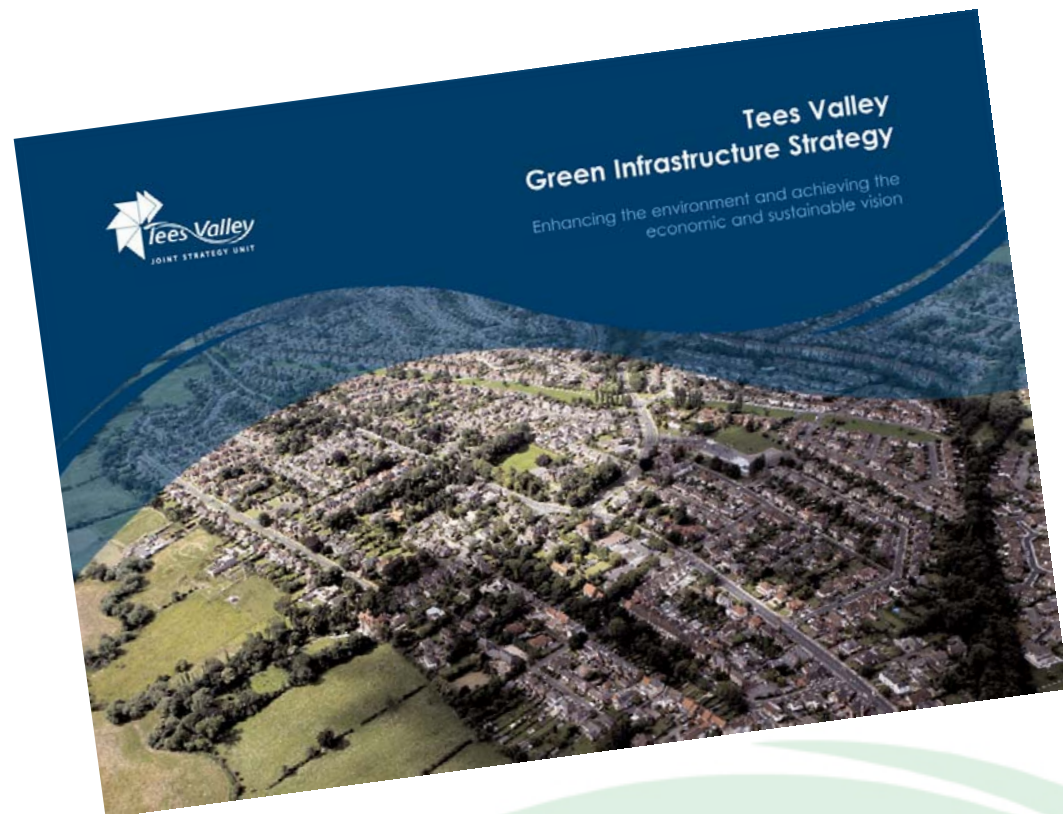


Green Infrastructure Strategy


Draft Strategy
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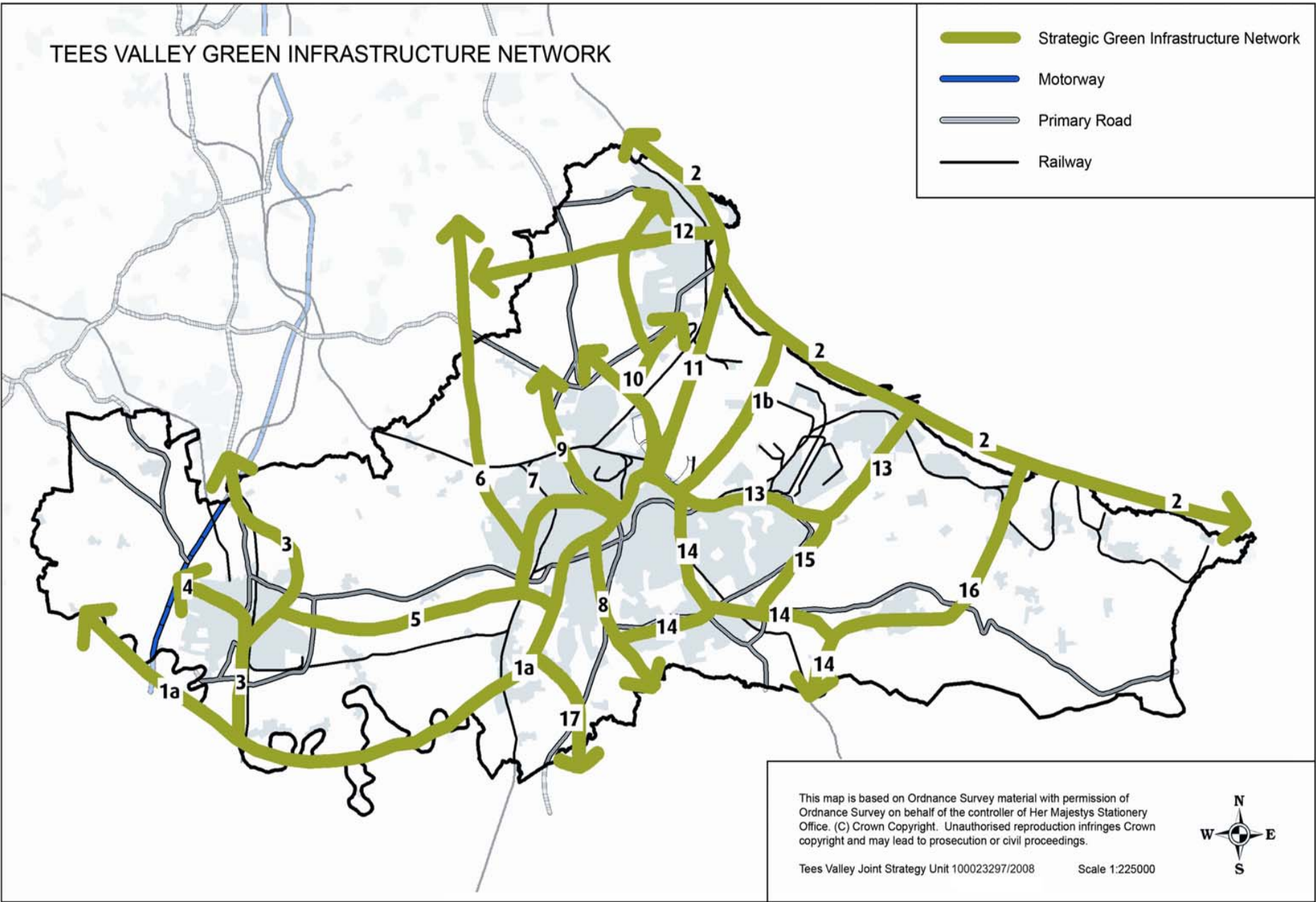
Consultation

Final Strategy
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TEES VALLEY GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK

-  Strategic Green Infrastructure Network
-  Motorway
-  Primary Road
-  Railway



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Green Infrastructure

A planned network of green infrastructure can provide:

- an enhanced image and quality of place
- a better setting for new development
- enhanced biodiversity
- better opportunities for exercise and recreation
- new opportunities for access to green space
- opportunities for environmental sustainability and climate change adaptation

Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity

Contribute to high quality and accessible landscapes benefitting people and wildlife

Increase ecological connectivity to overcome habitat fragmentation

Increase the ability of wildlife to adapt to climate change

Encourage sensitive management of green spaces in urban areas – consider 'retro-fitting'

Better integration with new development



Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity

Conserve, enhance & reinforce habitats (contribute to BAP targets)

Opportunities to create and restore wetland habitats through flood risk measures and water resource management

Helps to develop a vision for biodiversity

Landscape scale approach



Implementation of green infrastructure

Incorporate principles into Local Development Frameworks

Consider district wide green infrastructure strategies

Develop an action plan

Demonstrate the benefits of green infrastructure to key Stakeholders and potential investors



